

**Commission on Community Relations and Development
January 10, 2023
6:00 pm
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order

Chair Terri Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. Invocation

Member Marcus Lewis

III. Roll Call (Members Present)/New Member Welcome/Word from Mayor Ham

Terri Bradley	Edna Battle
Washea Lancaster	Marcus Lewis
Chretien Dumond	Roderick White
David Elliott	Denise Todd
Oravan Sewthaisong	Councilmember Hiawatha Jones

*Mayor David Ham
*City Manager Tim Salmon
*Asst. City Manager Matthew Livingston

Chair Terri Bradley thanked Mayor Ham for attending. Mayor Ham expressed appreciation to members for their service to the City. Chair also welcomed new members.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Member Edna Battle offered the motion to adopt the agenda. Vice-Chair Washea Lancaster seconded. All were in favor and the agenda was adopted.

V. Approval of meeting minutes (December 13, 2022)

Member Denise Todd offered the motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 13, 2022. Member Marcus Lewis seconded. All were in favor and the meeting minutes were approved.

VI. Action and Discussion Items

A. Annual calendar for observances

Members reviewed and discussed the calendar for observances and decided on the following:

*Workshop for **Fair Housing** (April)

*Month of the **Military Child Proclamation** (April)

***Human Trafficking** (Jan. 11th) – Member Carole Battle shared of wearing blue for the observance and offered to send Liaison a flyer. Liaison agreed to post the flyer to the CCRD's Facebook page.

***Interfaith** event with new member Pastor David Elliott taking the lead *Event will be on the steps of the Historic City Hall on February 7th at 6pm. *Liaison agreed to check on flood lights.

***Black History Month** Book readings @ Dillard Academy and Facebook Live reading @ Boys & Girls Club (February) - Member Carol Battle offered book readings for the Week of February 13th at Dillard Academy and shared that it would be best for as many members that can come to do so, so that several classrooms would have a reading. She further shared that early in the morning, specifically 9am, works best with the schools' schedule. Member Roderick White agreed to contact the Boys & Girls Club, sharing that he has been working with the club on other initiatives.

B. MLK 2023 follow-up / 2024 program subcommittee

Liaison reminded that the 2023 MLK video will be aired on Jan. 16th at 12pm. Discussion followed on the 2024 subcommittee. Elected Subcommittee Chair Carole Battle shared that she has selected the following members to serve on the subcommittee and all have agreed: Amber Tyler, Roderick White, Marcus Lewis, and additionally, Councilmember Hiawatha Jones.

City Manager Tim Salmon & Asst. City Manager Matthew Livingston weighed in sharing that the subcommittee should rather be a small working group that would not require public notices and other official public meeting requirements. Liaison agreed to consult further with the City Clerk.

C. Agency Vetting Process

Chair Terri Bradley discussed her concern for agencies presenting to the City for funding and not being properly vetted. She shared that she has recently learned of one agency not being credible. City Manager Tim Salmon, Mayor Ham, and Liaison weighed in sharing that the City has processes and procedures in place for vetting agencies for funding.

D. HOME-ARP: Non-Congregate Shelter & Supportive Services

Liaison provided an update on the HOME-ARP process and shared that Council is now at the point of deciding how much of the funding should go toward a non-congregate shelter and supportive services. After discussion, members moved that the remainder of the funds should be split 60/40, with 60% going towards the shelter and 40% towards supportive services. Member Chretien Dumond offered the motion and Member Carole Battle seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. Chair Terri Bradley will present the recommendation at the Jan. 23rd City Council meeting.

VII. Reports

- A. Chair/Vice-Chair Report: No reports.
- B. Liaison: Annual Disclosure forms are due.

VIII. Information Items

- A. CCRD Members: Councilmember Hiawatha Jones shared of a Suicide Prevention event taking place at St. James church on Jan. 14th. Member David Elliott agreed to send Liaison the flyer to post on Facebook.

VIII. Adjournment

Member Carole Battle offered the motion to adjourn, and Chair Terri Bradley seconded. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

***Minutes taken and prepared by Liaison Felecia Williams, MS/QP**